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Registry  
Number W 131/131/48.

FROM War Office  
(Communicated).

No. 397945.

Dated

Received  
in Registry 4th Jan. 1944.

W: Refugees.

Refugees from Dalmatian Islands to Middle East.

Communicates copy of Commander-in-Chief, Middle East telegram No. A1/54330 of 31st December to Allied Force Headquarters, Algiers repeated War Office listing strong objections to onward routing women, children and other useless mouths from Dalmatian Islands to Middle East.

Last Paper.

References.

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Per Col.  
Rainwater. Taylor  
(WO) from the  
Headquarters  
Jan 7.

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completed.)

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(Minutes.)

2. Please see W 15546/49/48 - the  
warmed  
which Algeria on Nov 6<sup>th</sup> (Tel 2.651) para  
2. That refugees in Italy would probably  
have to be kept there for a considerable  
time & it is not clear why A.F.H.Q. &  
the Sub-Commission for Displaced Persons  
have tried to ship these refugees to  
the Middle East. Presumably they  
will now make arrangements to keep  
them in Italy as this telegram is  
addressed to A.F.H.Q. Algeria - ? Inform  
W.O. (Col. Carlisle) that we had warned  
Algeria that refugees must be kept  
in Italy. Draft submitted

C. Chesterton  
5/1.

for R.

See within

Tel from C. in C. Middle East to War Office  
No. A1/54482 of Jan 15<sup>th</sup>.

The military authorities in the M.E. are  
now considering the possibility of disposing of  
refugees /

refugee in Tripolitania - a man for  
his and in vain urged upon them by  
Refugee Dept. It is satisfactory to  
know that as many as 20,000 persons  
may be accommodated.

L. L. H. H. H.

11/1.

Egyptian Dept.  
N.Y.

L. L. H.

25/1.

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4 JAN 1944

From:- C.in.C.Middle East. Recd.0230. 1 Jan 44.  
To :- A.F.H.Q.Algiers (for FHGAB and FHGCT).  
rptd Force 133.  
Flambo.  
The War Office.

MOST IMMEDIATE.

Al/54330 cipher 31 Dec... MOST SECRET.

Your 21320 30 Dec not to Troopers.

One. Following most grave objections to onward  
routing women children and other useless mouths from  
Dalmation Islands to Mideast ex Italy.

(A) Political. Reasons as in para three our Al/53804  
30 Dec dealing with wounded apply with greater force to  
refugees.

(B) Permission. Consent of Egyptian and other Govts  
concerned necessary before landing refugees.

(C) Military Adm.. General situation Mideast which  
has already taken large numbers refugees from Balkans  
Dodecanese etc (and more are coming from these sources)  
such that in present circumstances not possible absorb  
any appreciable number refugees any nationality.

Two. Request therefore cancellation plan ship 600  
refugees ex Taranto to Mideast approx 4 Jan and up to  
4,000 approx 20 Jan and that alternative arrangements be  
made.

Three. Ambassador to Yugoslavia representing matter  
to Resmin Algiers.

/Four...



2.

Four. Request Flambo pass copy Adv Force 133.

T.O.O.2355D.

C.6.(Tolograms)

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A.C.I.G.S.(O). S.T.6.  
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M.O.1,5. D.D.C.A.(M and G).  
D.M.I. D.D.C.A.(Econ).  
D.D.M.I.(I). C.A.1,2,3,15.  
M.I.L.17. D.D.F.Mov.(M).  
Q.M.G. D.D.P.Mov.(O).  
V.Q.M.G. Q(M)2(2),9a(2).  
Brig. Q(Ops). A.M.D.8.  
Foreign Office (Mr. Rose).  
Colonial Office (Lt.-Col. Rolleston, O.B.E.)  
Admiralty War Registry.  
M.W.T. (J.N. Wood, Esq. for D. of S.T.)

Note by Q(Ops)1. A.1/53804 of 30 Dec has not been received by Q(Ops)1.

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C.C.

*Draft.*

*Manning Taylor*  
Col. Carlisle,  
M.I.I. C.A.  
War Office.

FOREIGN OFFICE (Refugee Department),

3, Cleveland Row,

St. James's, S.W.1.

7 January, 1944.

Dear Carlisle,

Please refer to War Office telegram 397945 communicated to us from C.-in-C. Middle East to A.F.H.Q. Algiers of January 1st, regarding C.-in-C.'s strong objections to the onward routing of women, children and other useless mouths from the Dalmation islands ex Italy to the Middle East.

As this telegram is addressed to A.F.H.Q. Algiers I presume it will be communicated to the Sub-Commission for Displaced Persons which is dealing with refugees in Italy, and they will now make arrangements to keep these refugees in Italy.

If you will refer to the copy of Foreign Office telegram No. 2651 of November 15th, which was sent to you on November 17th, paragraph 2, you will see that we had <sup>already warned</sup> ~~already~~ <sup>which refers to</sup> A.F.H.Q. and the Sub-Commission that refugees will probably have/

have to be kept in Italy for a considerable time, and it is not clear, therefore, why A.F.H.Q. made arrangements to ship the refugees referred to in War Office telegram under reference from Taranto to the Middle East.

*AWG R.*

(Sd.) A. W. G. RANDALL

(A.W.G. Randall)

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FOREIGN OFFICE (Refugee Department),  
3, Cleveland Row,  
St. James's, S.W.1.  
7th January, 1944.

(W 131/131/48).

*Dear Taylor.*

Please refer to War Office telegram 397945 communicated to us from Commander-in-Chief Middle East to Allied Force Headquarters Algiers of the 1st January, regarding Commander-in-Chief's strong objections to the onward routing of women, children and other useless mouths from the Dalmation islands ex Italy to the Middle East.

As this telegram is addressed to Allied Force Headquarters Algiers I presume it will be communicated to the Sub-Commission for Displaced Persons which is dealing with refugees in Italy, and they will now make arrangements to keep these refugees in Italy.

If you will refer to the copy of Foreign Office telegram No. 2651 of the 15th November, which was sent to you on the 17th November, paragraph 2, you will see that we had already asked Algiers to warn Allied Force Headquarters and the Sub-Commission that refugees will probably have to be kept in Italy for a considerable time, and it is not clear, therefore, why Allied Force Headquarters made arrangements to ship the refugees referred to in War Office telegram under reference from Taranto to the Middle East.

Yours sincerely  
A. W. G. RANDALL

(A.W.G. Randall).

Colonel Mainwaring Taylor,  
(C.A.),  
War Office.



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**MOST SECRET  
CIPHER TELEGRAM**

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*Ref.*

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To: A.F.H.Q. (for FHGAB and FHGCT).  
Force 133.  
Flambo.  
War Office.

Recd. 2115 1 Jan 44.

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IMMEDIATE

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A1/54482 cipher 1 Jan. MOST SECRET

Our A1/54330 31 Dec. Problem further considered with Brig Forester Walker and Lt Col Mann.

(1) Although we have not yet decided where to put these refugees we now agree accept the commitment on basis ceiling 20,000. If numbers rise above this figure fresh examination will be necessary for disposal excess.

(2) One above sent to enable you proceed with plan shipping 600 and 4,000 for despatch about 4 and 20 Jan.

(3) Delta ports most likely to be used but possibility disposal in Tripolitania being considered. Not likely able inform you on this point for three days so 600 must come Delta.

(4) Grateful infn earliest available of extent to which refugees will (A) be in self administering groups. (B) Bring any medical personnel with them. Grateful any help in this way even if nurses only.

(5) Fully in agreement no publicity especially in view negotiations here e.g. with Egyptian Govt. T.O.O. 1500B.

C.6.Tels.

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~~WESTERN.~~

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## GENERAL

## REFUGEES

W 541

12 JAN 1944

Registry  
Number } W 541/131/48TELEGRAM FROM  
Minister of State  
(Cairo).  
No.

79.

Dated 11th Jan., 1944.

Received 12th Jan.,  
in Registry } 1944.

W : Refugees.

Maintenance of Yugoslav refugees from Dalmatian coast and Islands.

For Randall from Matthews. Requests free hand to meet very serious problems arising out of reception and maintenance of Yugoslav refugees from the Dalmatian coast and islands. Yugoslav Red Cross are being pressed to supply any available personnel and material but their own resources in these directions are extremely meagre. Requests early reply and also confirmation that Merra is to assume responsibility of this new refugee influx.

## Last Paper.

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## References.

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8) Tsy (Mr Wade)  
Jan 17.Tel to Hindale Bairo  
no. 162 Jan. 15.

Barnes.

Relief Dept. (Mr. Hall-Ratch)

Tsy (Mr. Wade) Jan. 17.

Mr. Hall-Ratch.

Relief Dept. from  
Mr. Randall. Jan. 17.Mr. Wade (Tsy) from  
Mr. Randall Jan. 17.(Action  
completed.)

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M.H.  
15/8

## Next Paper.

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(Minutes.)

Copy T<sub>17</sub> (M<sup>2</sup> Wade)  
(and Mr. Penter)

Q. After creating T<sub>17</sub>, we did  
agree to M.E.R.R.A. assuming responsibility  
for the Yugoslav refugees.

Mr. Matthews' request for direction  
in regard to expenditure sums to be  
received.

Jan. L. Henderson

13/1.

C.C.'s Dept. fact.  
Salkin Dept.

P.S. W. shall probably get no refund  
from the Yugoslavs (see W 494/21/48)

This telegram is corollary to  
the Pterensons' telegram no 36.  
(Copy attached).  
We shall probably  
have to give the



*A. Bolker*  
13/1

Noted C. C. Dept.  
A7.5/3

on these refugees:  
2) give Mr. Matthews discretion  
over purchases + staff. asking however for  
very early estimate.

very early estimate.  
The immediate needs of cotton  
draft under (6) shd. be taken for the  
Relief Dft. to, when a copy of this  
telegram is. go. under draft. under (1) + (2)  
Please draft tel. ref. to cover.  
Attn: C.C. Dft. to J.R.R.

Mr. Wade (Tig) comes in the dispatch of  
on dfr. t.e. to Minister of State, Cairo,

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but adds that they feel that the Yugoslav Govt. should be asked to maintain these refugees, because (a) They are in Egypt and (b) they have plenty of sterling. He adds that their capacity to pay is unaffected by the argument put forward in Mr. Ross's minute on R 549/2/92 (check, to be made W1541/21/48).

Mr. Wade feels that U.N.R.R.A., in view of the fact that they will shortly absorb M.E.R.R.A., should be told that these Yugoslav refugees are a responsibility of M.E.R.R.A. U.N.R.R.A. might further be told confidentially, he thinks, that we are asking the Yugoslav Govt. to maintain them, but that we may well have to find the money ourselves.

He suggests that we should telegraph to Resident Ministry, Algiers, to persuade A.F.H.Q. to get Colonial Chief of Staff, W'ton, to inform U.N.R.R.A. as outlined above, our tel. to Algiers being copied to Mr. Matthews.

Q. Telegraph to Algiers, as suggested.

Ian L. Henderson

14/1

The

C.C. ✓ 14/1

political reasons against asking the  
Yugoslav Gov. to take responsibility.  
advance is R599/2/92 seem to  
me conclusive. I also dislike telling  
UNRRA of the decision at this  
stage, when the MERRA negotiations  
are going on. UNRRA take over  
MERRA they do so in respect of  
all displaced populations, & I should  
not wish to isolate this instance.  
This shd. also be explained to  
Mr. Wade. In a word, mind  
and see what comes of the  
UNRRA-MERRA negotiations.

Ex R Dept } the see draft  
Relief 11/11/41 } to T57.  
Southern 11/11/41  
C. 11/11/41

Ans R.

15/11

Dgt. re-mitted.

I. L. H. Henderson

15/11

X I. L. H. X

10/12

See within

Letter from Mr. Wade (1941) to Mr. Randall of 4/2

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W (Rfs)

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[CYPHER]

DEPARTMENTAL NO. 1

FROM MINISTER OF STATE RESIDENT CAIRO  
TO FOREIGN OFFICE

No. 79

D. 7.26 p.m. G.M.T. 11th January, 1944

11th January, 1944

R. 9.05 p.m. B.S.T. 11th January, 1944

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IMPORTANT

Following for Randall from Matthews.

Yugoslav refugees.

Essential in view of limitations of army resources in personnel and equipment that I be given a free hand to meet the very serious problems arising out of the reception and maintenance of Yugoslav refugees from the Dalmatian coast and Islands.

2. Present indications are that it will be necessary to purchase locally certain items of camp and other equipment on substantial scale. Essential requirements cover such articles for example as hurricane and pressure lamps, women and children's shoes and crockery.

3. Yugoslav Red Cross are being pressed to supply any available personnel and material but their resources in these directions are extremely meagre.

4. I shall use existing facilities to the fullest possible extent but urgently require financial authority to fill in essential staff and equipment gaps.

5. Parties of refugees are already en route. Uncertainty as regards numbers precludes any present attempt at estimating overhead and maintenance costs. In the circumstances I must be given the fullest discretion on the understanding of course that reports are rendered as soon as practicable.

6. It would be helpful if any available doctors, nurses etc. and Serbo-Croat and Italian speaking personnel already earmarked for voluntary society relief teams (see my 2928) could be sent out at once to assist in meeting pressing current refugee needs. No doctors, dentists or nurses are available from local military resources and I am already utilising the small number of representatives of British and American voluntary agencies now in the Middle East.

JAN 7. I should be glad of an early reply and also confirmation that Merri is to assume responsibility of this new refugee influx.





W (Rts)

m. 9

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[CYPHER]

DEPARTMENTAL NO. 1.

FROM MINISTER OF STATE RESIDENT CAIRO TO FOREIGN OFFICE

No. 109.

14th January 1944.

D. 12.01 a.m. 15th January 1944.

R. 1.30 a.m. 15th January 1944.

0:0:0:0:0

IMMEDIATE

My telegram No. 79. W (refugees)

Following for Randall from Matthews.

Yugoslav refugees.

Should be grateful for an immediate reply; also to paragraph 3 of our 24.

[Copies sent to Mr. Smyth]

15 JAN 1944  
O.T.P.  
F.O. REGISTRY

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X. 1.2.4.  
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I.L.H.

Draft.

Minister of State,  
Cairo.

Telegram.

No. .... 162 ✓  
Dated ..... 15/1/44

Cypher.

Departmental No. 1.

Copy to:

Mr. Hall-Patch,  
Relief Department  
(~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
~~XXXXXX~~)

Treasury ~~Wade~~  
(Mr. Playfair)  
(Mr. Panton) *conced*  
*for concurrence*

C.C. Department  
first.

Southern Dept. a.a.  
Mr. Gwatkin  
*Mr. G.R.*

OUT FILE

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

15 January, 1944.

Despatched 4 25/ M.

IMMEDIATE

Your telegram No. 79 of 11th January:  
maintenance of Yugoslav refugees from  
Dalmatian coast and islands.

Following from Randall for Matthews.

*is authorized to*  
MERRA ~~should~~ care for these refugees.

2. I agree that you should have  
discretion over purchases and staff but  
*early*  
should be grateful for a very estimate.

I.L.H.

15/1.

[Copies sent to Mr. Smyth]

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[CYPHER]

DEPARTMENTAL NO. 1.

FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO MINISTER OF STATE

(RESIDENT) CAIRO

No. 162

D: 4.25 p.m. 15th January, 1944.

15th January, 1944.

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IMMEDIATE

Your telegram No. 79 [of 11th January: maintenance of Yugoslav refugees from Dalmatian coast and islands].

Following from Randall for Matthews.

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[Copies sent to Mr. Smyth].

O.T.P.



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I.L.H.

*Draft. H. 15*

*E.L.*

Mr. Hall-Patch,  
Relief Department.

(from Mr. Randall)

Copy to:

Treasury, *Wad.*  
(Mr. Playfair).  
(~~Mr. Penton~~).

C.C. Dept. first.

*14/1. JWSK.*

OUT FILE

FOREIGN OFFICE (Refugee Department),

3, Cleveland Row,

St. James's, S.W.1.

*17* January, 1944.

URGENT.

Dear Hall-Patch,

I enclose a copy of a telegram No. 79 of 11th January from the Minister of State Resident Cairo about the maintenance of Yugoslav refugees, and should be grateful for your views urgently on paragraph 6 which relates to the despatch of trained staff to cope with this new refugee problem.

I.L.H.

*(AWG Randall 15/1.)*

(Sd.) A. W. G. RANDALL

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FOREIGN OFFICE

(W 541/131/48) (Refugee Department),  
3, Cleveland Row,  
IMMEDIATE. St. James's,  
S.W.1.

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Yours sincerely

(Sd.) A. W. G. RANDALL

(A.W.G. Randall).

E.L. Hall-Patch, Esq.,  
Relief Department.

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I.L.H.

Draft *HLS*

Mr. Wade,  
Treasury.

(from Mr. Randall)

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E. & R. Dept. 12/1  
Relief Department 12/1  
Southern Department 12/1  
C.C. Department 12/1  
29/1

In short, we regret  
that we see no alternative  
at present but to  
authorise MERRA to  
take this job on (this  
we have done) and  
pay for it until  
we can get it  
under  
UNRRA direction.

Amg

FOREIGN OFFICE (Refugee Department),  
3, Cleveland Row,  
St. James's, S.W.1.

31 January, 1944.

Dear Wade.

Would you please refer to telegram No. 79  
of 11th January to Foreign Office from the  
Minister of State Resident at Cairo and to your  
conversation with Henderson on January 14th  
about relief for Yugoslav refugees in the Near  
East. <sup>On consideration</sup> ~~We~~ feel that the Yugoslav Government ~~should~~  
<sup>at present at least.</sup> should not be asked to take responsibility for  
these refugees; ~~since we~~ do not see how we can  
~~ask them to do so~~ when the refugees in question  
have been sent out without their knowledge or  
consent by their avowed <sup>offenders</sup> ~~enemies~~ <sup>the Partisans.</sup> Nor would  
their guarantee be of great value even supposing  
they were willing to give it, since their  
authority is ~~never~~ <sup>un</sup> likely to be recognised in  
the areas from which these refugees come. ~~We~~  
agree that sooner or later we must try to get a  
guarantee from someone that these people will  
be taken back, but <sup>think</sup> ~~we~~ <sup>should</sup> wait to do so until  
the Yugoslav political horizon has cleared a  
bit and we know what our precise relations are  
going to be with (a) the King's Government, and  
(b) the Partisans.

~~We~~ <sup>are</sup> averse from telling UNRRA at this  
stage of our decision that MERRA will be  
responsible for caring for these refugees while  
the negotiations about the future relationship  
of UNRRA and MERRA are still in progress. If  
UNRRA take over MERRA they will do so in respect  
of all displaced populations and <sup>we</sup> ~~2~~ do not think  
that this instance should be isolated.

Yours sincerely

*W. G. Randall* Amg



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OUT FILE FOREIGN OFFICE

(Refugee Department),  
3, Cleveland Row,  
St. James's,  
S.W.1.

(W 541/131/48)

31st January, 1944.

Dear Wade,

Would you please refer to telegram No. 79 of 11th (1944) January to Foreign Office from the Minister of State Resident at Cairo and to your conversation with Henderson on 14th January about relief for Yugoslav refugees in the Near East. On consideration we feel that the Yugoslav Government should not, at present at least, be asked to take responsibility for these refugees; we do not see how we can do so when the refugees in question have been sent out without their knowledge or consent by their avowed opponents the Partisans. Nor would their guarantee be of great value even supposing they were willing to give it, since their authority is unlikely to be recognised in the areas from which these refugees come. We agree that sooner or later we must try to get a guarantee from someone that these people will be taken back, but think we should wait to do so until the Yugoslav political horizon has cleared a bit and we know what our precise relations are going to be with (a) the King's Government, and (b) the Partisans.

We are averse from telling UNRRA at this stage of our decision that MERRA will be responsible for caring for these refugees while the negotiations about the future relationship of UNRRA and MERRA are still in progress. If UNRRA take over MERRA they will do so in respect of all displaced populations and we do not think that this instance should be isolated. In short, we regret that we see no alternative at present but to authorising MERRA to take this job on

(this

H.W.R. Wade, Esq.,  
Treasury.

FOREIGN OFFICE

OUT FILE

(Refugee Department)  
2, Cleveland Row,  
St. James's,  
S.W.1.

(W 561 151/66)

21st January, 1966.

Dear Sir,

(this we have done) and pay for it until we can get it  
shared under UMRRA direction.

Yours Sincerely

A. W. G. RANDALL

(A.W.G. Randall).

We are aware from telling UMRRA of this stage of our  
decision that UMRRA will be responsible for caring for these  
refugees while the negotiations about the future relationship  
of UMRRA and UMRRA are still in progress. It seems likely  
over UMRRA they will do so in respect of all displaced  
populations and we do not think that this instance should be  
isolated. In short, we regret that we see no alternative  
at present but to authorizing UMRRA to take this job on

(This)

A. W. G. Randall, Esq.,  
Secretary.

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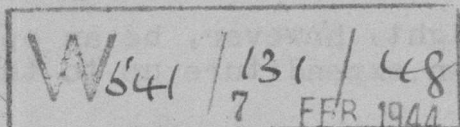
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P.P. in Dept.*  
TREASURY CHAMBERS,

GREAT GEORGE STREET,

LONDON, S.W.1.

4th February, 1944.

Dear Randall,



We agree that we must accept both points of your letter of the 31st January concerning the relief of Yugoslav refugees in the Near East. For the time being, therefore, there is nothing we can do to pass on the charge for these people, and it will have to be carried on the Foreign Office Vote. But would you please advise us whenever you think it practicable to open the matter with the Yugoslav Government. If U.N.R.R.A. takes over in the meantime, this request will presumably lapse as regards the future since the refugees will cease to be our direct

A.W.G.Randall, Esq.,  
Foreign Office.

/responsibility



responsibility. There might, however, be an opportunity of recovering some of our own expenditure up to the point of take-over.

Yours sincerely,

*Arthur Wade*

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GENERAL REFUGEES

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21 JAN 1944

~~W991/109/6~~Sir H. Emerson  
(Intergovernmental  
Committee)

IC/180/62

to Mr. Randall

Dated: 19 Jan

Received: 21 JAN 1944

Refugees on The Island of Rabi.

Tas. copy of a letter dated 17/1 from  
Mr. Bucknell of U.S. Embassy about  
getting money to these refugees.

Last Paper.

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References.

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Dft. to Mr. Mynors  
(Ty)  
24/ from Mr. Randall  
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Mr. Gregory  
(T.W.E.D.)  
Mrs Crump

(Minutes.)

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Mr. Mynors (Ty)

Mr. Gregory (T.W.E.D.)

Capt. Webb Recd. on 17/1/44 17416/225/6.

Mr. R. could arrange transport of the money.  
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Resident Minister.

Dft. submitted.

Gen. L. Henderson

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See within Mr. Gregory's letter to  
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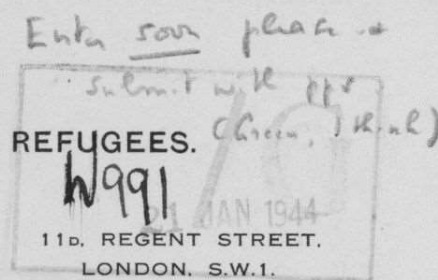


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Telephone: ABBEY 6593-4-6467-8.

*CFC Rep*  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES. *(Green, Ireland)*

Our Ref.: IC/180/62.

Your Ref.: HWE/DLD.



19th January, 1944.

*A. W. G. Randall.*

I enclose copy of a letter dated 17th January, which I have received from Bucknell. Can you tell us what means there are, if any, of getting money to refugees on the island of Rab. If you are unable to help perhaps the best thing would be for Malin to take up the matter at Algiers, presumably with the military authorities, through the Resident Minister. In that case I should be grateful if you would have the following message cabled to the Resident Minister:-

"Message from Emerson for Malin. Am informed by American Embassy that island of Rab now in hands of Yugoslav partisans Stop Further that funds would be available from private sources in America if they could be transferred to refugees Stop Kindly ascertain if there is any means of getting money to them."

Encl.

A.W. G. Randall, Esq.,  
The Foreign Office,  
3, Cleveland Row,  
LONDON, S.W.1.

*J. H. M. M. M.*  
*H. H. M. M. M.*  
Director

COPY

THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

GC  
American Embassy  
LONDON.

January 17, 1944.

Dear Sir Herbert,

Under date of November 2, 1943 you sent me information regarding certain Jewish refugees on the island of Rab and made certain suggestions for reference to the Department of State. We took up the matter with the Department, which, in turn, approached the military authorities. There has been some change in the military situation affecting Rab, but the Department has recently received word that Rab has been recaptured from the Germans and is now in the hands of Yugoslav partisans. The Embassy is instructed to bring this fact to your attention and to ask that information be furnished to the Department as to means of getting money to such refugees. It is believed that the necessary funds can be obtained from private sources in the United States, and, if there are means of getting such funds to the refugees, the Department will endeavor to obtain the concurrence of the military authorities in giving refugees money to escape to safer areas or to obtain necessities while on the island of Rab.

You may be interested to know that as of the middle of December information had reached the military authorities that the refugees on the island of Rab, together with those at Otocac in north-western Croatia, totalled approximately fifteen hundred persons and that the majority of these refugees were Jewish.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) H. BUCKNELL.

Howard Bucknell, Jr.  
Minister-Counselor of Embassy.

Sir Herbert Emerson,  
G.C.I.E., K.C.S.I., C.B.E.,  
Director of the Intergovernmental Committee,  
11D Regent Street,  
LONDON, S.W.1.

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Mr. R.A.B. Mynors,  
Treasury.

(from Mr. Randall)

E. & R. Department.  
Relief Department.  
Southern Department.  
C.C. Department.

Copy to:

Captain Webb,  
c/o Room 18, F.O.

Mr. Gregory,  
T.W.E.D.

Mrs. Crump (H.E.W.)

FOREIGN OFFICE (Refugee Department),

3, Cleveland Row,

St. James's, S.W.1.

24 January, 1944.

Dear Mynors,

Will you please refer to your letter to Henriques of 28th December about a request that money should be sent to Jewish refugees in the island of Rab.

I enclose a copy of a letter on the subject, together with our reply, from Emerson and should be glad to know if you concur in the terms of the latter.


In view of the technical nature of the problem I would suggest that the Treasury might care to get into direct touch with the American financial authorities in order to reach a joint conclusion.

*AnsR.*

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3, Cleveland Row,  
St. James's,  
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Mrs. Clump (M.E.W.)  
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Mr. R.A.B. Mynors,  
Treasury.

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"TRADEENEMY, LONDON."

Any reply should be addressed  
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Your Ref.:

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Gen. 1302

31st January, 1944.



24, KINGSWAY,

LONDON, W.C.2.

Dear Randall,

*PP - D.A. Green Div.*  
Your letter of the 24th  
January (W991/109/G) to Mynors about  
the island of Rab proposal.

I have now seen Mynors reply  
to you of the 31st January and I am  
in general agreement with him that  
what is involved in this proposal  
is a major reversal of policy. This  
policy may be right or wrong but the  
proposal must be considered as a  
matter of principle and not as a mere  
matter of machinery.

I am sending a copy of this  
to Mynors and Mrs. Crump.

Yours sincerely,

*[Signature]*  
A.W.G. Randall, Esq.,  
O.B.E.,

Foreign Office,  
3, Cleveland Row,  
S.W.1.

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Jewish

Refugees in Yugoslavia.

Mr. Stevenson  
Cairo

Telegram no. 64

Dated: 18 Jan.

Received:

Refers to F.O. telegram No. 21 (W17103/225/1/43)  
States that Yugoslav Prime Minister  
has been approached and a further  
report will be made as soon as his  
reply has been received.

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References.

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Captain Webb % Room 15, F.O.

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DEPARTMENTAL No. 2

FROM HIS MAJESTY'S AMBASSADOR TO THE YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT  
IN CAIRO TO FOREIGN OFFICE

22 JAN 1944

Mr. Stevenson

No. 64

18th January 1944

D. 1.00 p.m. GMT 20th January 1944

R. 3.15 p.m. BST 20th January 1944

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Your telegram No. 21. W 1703/225/G

I have approached Yugoslav Prime Minister and will  
report further as soon as I receive his reply.

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H. M. Ambassador  
to Yugoslavia at  
Cairo.

No. 37

Dated: 18 Jan

Received: 28 JAN 1948

Funds for Jewish Refugees in  
Yugoslavia

Refers to F.O. al. 21 (W 17103/225/943) and  
Trs. copy of letter No. 34 of 18/1 to

Jugoslav Prime Minister.

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References.

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7 Feb 1948

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T. W. E. D. (M. M. M. M.)  
Captain Webb % Room 15, F.O.  
M. M. Crump (M. E. W.)

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Ambassador to  
HIS Majesty's Yugoslavia at Cairo  
presents his compliments to H.M.P.S. of S. for F.A.  
and has the honour to transmit to him the under-mentioned  
documents.

British... Embassy... to... Yugoslavia,  
..... Cairo...

18th January, 1944.

Reference to previous correspondence:

F.O. telegram No. 21

W 17103/225/G

*Description of Enclosure.*

Name and Date.	Subject.
Letter No. 34 dated 18.1.44. to Yugoslav Prime Minister.	Funds to Jewish refugees in Yugoslavia

No.34.

18th January, 1944.

It has been reported by a British Liaison Officer at present with the forces of General Mihailović in South Kapaonik, that Jewish refugees in that area have asked him for financial help and have suggested that funds might be obtained from Jewish Charity organisations to this end.

It is presumed that the majority of these Jews are Yugoslav nationals and the Foreign Office have therefore suggested to me that I should refer the matter to you in the first place.

Would you be so good as to let me know what you think should be done in this matter?

(sgd) R.C. SKRINE STEVENSON

H.E. Monsieur Bozidar Purić  
etc., etc., etc.

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Mr. Mynors (Ty.)  
to Mr. Randall  
E.P. 60/05  
Dated: 31 Jan  
Received:

Jewish Relief in The Island of  
Rab.  
Replies to F.O. letter of 24 Jan  
(W 991/9) + comments on our draft  
reply to Mr. Emerson.

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Mr. Hennigan  
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Mr. Mynors is annoyed because we suggested  
in our Ltr and dft to Sir H. Emerson  
(and in my opinion, rightly) that Ing. et  
hoc genus omne are objecting, on grounds  
of financial policy, to money being sent  
to Rab. (See his Ltr to Mr. Hennigan  
on W 17416/225/G).  
What we wanted Mr. Ing to discuss with  
the U.S. Ing. did have been clear at  
least from the last sentence of our dft. to  
Sir H. Emerson.  
Rab is, despite its occupation by the  
partisans considered by the Ing. to be  
(pace Mr. Mynors) "technically" enemy-  
occupied territory. (See again his Ltr to  
Mr. Hennigan, para. 1).  
I told Mr. Mynors a few days ago.

in reply to his report on the telephone.  
That we know no more than the Tug.  
has Captain Webb proposed to transport  
the money. We could no doubt ask  
Captain Webb, if exchange has to be put  
up.

The deduction actually to be made  
from Captain Webb's offer is that not  
all transfer facilities are required for  
military purposes.

Mr. Myerson may say what he pleases,  
but the proposal to transfer money  
to Rab is founding on a policy  
in which Tug is primarily interested,  
i.e. on a practice in defence of  
exchange, which would normally be  
described as "technical".

Mr. Myerson does not know whether  
he is for or against sending the  
money and his letter is a palpable  
effort to evade responsibility - especially  
before the Americans.

I submit a dft.

Ian L. Henderson

Sutherland } Dpts.  
C.C. (Mr. Phinwood)

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Dft. to Capt. Webb.

I. L. H.

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See ~~within Mr. Gregory's letter~~  
to Mr. Randall of 3/1

I attended to-day a meeting of  
the Remittance to Enemy Territory  
Committee, who approved of a transfer  
being sent to the island of Rab.

Ian L. Henderson

11/2

I would be grateful if Refugees Department  
could let me know whether the Jews on the  
island of Rab are supposed to be included  
among the 20,000 refugees from Partisan  
Yugoslavia who are being evacuated to the  
Middle East or, if not, what hope there is of  
sending them funds which are not likely to  
fall into the hands of the Germans.

There are so many of these questions being  
dealt with, partly on Southern Department  
papers and partly on Refugee papers, that I  
can only get a confused idea of what is  
happening at the present time.

I have explained  
to Mr. Drew  
I. L. H.  
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ARRSH

12th February, 1944.

I assume that F.O. is neither  
putting up the money for transfer,  
nor is now concerned with means  
of transmission.

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Rep  
TREASURY CHAMBERS,  
GREAT GEORGE STREET,  
W /S35 LONDON S.W.1.

31st January, 1944.

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Dear Randall,

Thank you for your letter of the 24th January about the proposed remittances for Jewish relief in the island of Rab. Your suggestion that we should consult the Americans direct (about what?) leaves me, I fear, completely fogged, and your draft reply to Emerson indicates some misunderstanding somewhere, which you and we must get clear.

There is no "technical financial question" here; there may be a major question of blockade policy, in which other Departments are vitally interested besides yours and ours.

Down to the present, the policy of all Departments interested in remittances of funds to enemy territory has been to confine these to certain strictly defined purposes; e.g., the maintenance of diplomatic premises, the support of British subjects and of Allied nationals (unless in their own country where they can be expected to look after themselves), and the payment within narrow limits of British Government pensions. There are two reasons for this restriction: first, that nearly all these payments cost us Swiss francs, one of the most "difficult" currencies of all; second, that the foreign exchange (e.g. Swiss francs) which we have to provide goes straight to the benefit of the enemy war effort. Hitherto, therefore, we have only been able to go outside this narrow list of approved purposes when it was possible to provide funds without putting up exchange; for example, by smuggling the local Banknotes into a country, or (as in Vichy France) by obtaining advances from the "enemy" government.

A.W.G. Randall, Esq., O.B.E.,  
Foreign Office.

W 1232  
TREASURY CHAMBERS,  
GREAT GEORGE STREET,  
LONDON S.W.1.



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Treasury Reference Y.C. 60/05

31st January, 1944.

Dear Randall,

This is welcome, but quite exceptional.

This policy is no more sacrosanct than any other. If it ought to be modified, it shall be, so far as our resources allow. But it must be realised that there is constant pressure on us to allow remittances into enemy territory (think of the demands of the London Allies), and if we make exceptions, we must do it with our eyes open, and be prepared for the consequences.

How does the Rab project look against this background?

First, is Rab enemy territory? I assume it is, unless in view of its occupation by "partisans" your Secretary of State is prepared to give a certificate under Section 15(2) of the Trading with the Enemy Act that it is no longer occupied by the enemy. If he is, you will no doubt let the interested Departments know.

Assuming it to be enemy, are the refugees whom it is proposed to help Yugoslav nationals, and how do we get funds to them? Does it cost foreign exchange, or do we (for example) land lira or dinar notes by submarine, which is no benefit to the enemy? These are not mere "technical" questions. If the money can be provided without putting up exchange (we have no idea here what channel you propose to use), then the project as I see it need not cut violently across existing policy. It would make it harder to withstand pressure from Allies, or from Jewish agencies, to agree to less desirable schemes elsewhere, but that is not insuperable.

It is also possible that what facilities we may have for getting funds into Yugoslav territory are all needed by the military for their own purposes; but that is for you to square with them. (Incidentally, is not the answer to the question how funds would be transferred to be found in London or in Cairo rather than Algiers?).

If, however, this or any other scheme is liable to cost us foreign exchange (or indeed gold), then it means a complete reversal of the policy of the last four years.

Maybe the Rab project itself does not raise this major issue. Even so, I thought I had better bring it up explicitly, for if you are going to be under pressure from American competition to arrange for other refugee relief-schemes in enemy territory, it is important that major changes in policy should run no risk of concealment under the dangerous word "technical". Whether our policy ought to change, of course, I do not presume to say; only that the question, if raised, must be clearly seen, and may need to be taken to a high level.

You see how little I understand your suggestion that there is a "technical" question here, on which we ought to get in touch with the U.S. Treasury. I must have missed your drift; can you set me right?

I am copying this to Gregory (T.W.E.D.) and Mrs. Crump (M.E.W.), and apologise for its length.

Yours sincerely,

*Rab Myers*



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Captain Webb,  
c/o Room 18, F.O.

(from Mr. Henderson)

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(Mr. Myer) ref.*

FOREIGN OFFICE (Refugee Department),

3, Cleveland Row,

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*u*  
February, 1944.

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I. L. H.

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yours sincerely  
(Sd) A. W. G. Randall  
for I. L. Henderson*



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*Henderson  
Refugees 1/2*

FOREIGN OFFICE (Refugee Department),  
3, Cleveland Row,  
St. James's,  
S.W.1.

(W 1535/109/G)

4th February, 1944.

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(Sd)

*Yours sincerely*  
A.W.G. Randall

(*for*)

(I.L. Henderson)

Captain A. Webb.

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*Draft.*

Mr. R.A.B. Mynors,  
Treasury.

(from Mr. Randall)

Southern Department

C.C. Department.

(Mr. Randall)

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Mr. Henriques,  
T.W.E.D.

Mrs. Crump,  
M.E.W.

FOREIGN OFFICE (Refugee Department),

3, Cleveland Row,

St. James's, S.W.1.

X 3<sup>15</sup> February, 1944.

Dear Mynors,

Would you please refer to your letter  
E.C. 60/05 of 31st January about the proposal to  
send money to the island of Rab for Jewish relief?

Our suggestion was that you should consult the  
American Treasury in order to reach a joint  
decision on whether or not the money should be  
sent. We suggested this **because** we felt that  
the proposal was being **blocked** on the ground  
that concurrence in it would involve making an  
exception to our normal practice in defence of  
exchange, a question primarily concerning  
yourselves and the American Treasury.

We understood from paragraph 1 of your letter  
to Henriques of 28th December that Rab, even if  
occupied by the Yugoslav Partisans, is, for  
Treasury purposes, deemed to be occupied by the  
enemy. It is of course difficult to establish  
that Rab will be ~~be~~ permanently in the hands of  
the Partisans.

We are unaware of the precise method by which  
funds should be got to the Jews in question and  
will enquire if the method used involves putting  
up foreign exchange. I think we can assume, in  
view of the offer of the Military Authorities to  
transport the money, that they do not require all  
transfer facilities for military purposes.

On the general issue, you will see from what  
I have said above that we adhere to our view  
that the objection on which the proposal is  
foundering is purely financial. Our chief

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anxiety is that if the proposal is to be rejected it should be rejected not by ourselves alone but by the Americans also. We do not wish to see an occasion arising where it can be alleged that a humane project for helping Jewish refugees has been quashed owing to alleged British inhumanity. If, in your view, the question of sending this money to Rab does not present an isolated relief problem but raises a general question of policy we should, nevertheless, be glad to learn if the Treasury ~~would be~~ <sup>is</sup> in favour of sending the money or against ~~it~~ doing so.

We gathered from your letter that you are not in favour of consulting the United States Treasury but should be glad to be clear on this point also. You will be aware that the U.S. Treasury is under

I am sending copies of this letter to Captain Webb (M.I.5), Henriques (T.W.E.D.) and Mrs. Crump (M.E.W.).

Yours sincerely

(s) A.W.S. Randall

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humanitarian  
enterprise.

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FOREIGN OFFICE (Refugee Department),  
3, Cleveland Row,  
St. James's,  
S.W.1.

(W 1535/109/G)

15th February, 1944.

Dear Mynors,

Would you please refer to your letter E.C.60/05 of the 31st January about the proposal to send money to the island of Rab for Jewish relief?

Our suggestion was that you should consult the American Treasury in order to reach a joint decision on whether or not the money should be sent. We suggested this because we felt that the proposal was being blocked on the ground that concurrence in it would involve making an exception to our normal practice in defence of exchange, a question primarily concerning yourselves and the American Treasury.

We understood from paragraph 1 of your letter to Henriques of the 28th December last that Rab, even if occupied by the Yugoslav Partisans, is, for Treasury purposes, deemed to be occupied by the enemy. It is of course difficult to establish that Rab will be permanently in the hands of the Partisans.

We are unaware of the precise method by which funds should be got to the Jews in question and will enquire if the method used involves putting up foreign exchange. I think we can assume, in view of the offer of the Military Authorities to transport the money, that they do not require all transfer facilities for military purposes.

On the general issue, you will see from what I have said above that we adhere to our view that  
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R.A.B. Mynors, Esq.,  
Treasury.

the objection on which the proposal is foundering is purely financial. Our chief anxiety is that if the proposal is to be rejected it should be rejected not by ourselves alone but by the Americans also. We do not wish to see an occasion arising where it can be alleged that a humane project for helping Jewish refugees has been quashed owing to alleged British inhumanity. If, in your view, the question of sending this money to Rab does not present an isolated relief problem but raises a general question of policy we should, nevertheless, certainly be prepared to take it to higher authority, but should still be glad to learn if the Treasury would be in favour of sending the money or against doing so.

We gathered from your letter that you are not in favour of consulting the United States Treasury but should be glad to be clear on this point also. You will be aware that the United States Treasury is under severe Jewish pressure and that the President has lately committed himself to a policy of "rescue" of victims of German persecution. We are trying to obtain clarification of this from Washington, but it certainly seems to us to emphasise the necessity of taking the United States authorities with us in any negotiating of this sort of humanitarian enterprise.

I am sending copies of this letter to Captain Webb (M.I.5), Henriques (Trading with the Enemy Department) and Mrs. Crump (Ministry of Economic Warfare).

*Yours sincerely*

(*re*) (A.W.G. Randall)

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Cairo

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Mr. Crump (M.E.W.)  
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Relief for Jewish refugees in South  
Kapaonik area.

Refers to his despatch 37 (W 1373/2) +  
his copy of reply from Yugoslav Prime  
Minister regarding the question of  
relief for Jewish refugees in the South  
Kapaonik area.

(Minutes.)

Copy { T.M. (Mr. Myrons)  
T.W.E.D. (Mr. Hennigues)  
Captain Webb, c/o Room 15, F.O.  
Mr. Crump (M.E.W.)

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BRITISH EMBASSY TO YUGOSLAVIA,  
CAIRO, 28th January 1944.

(7/127/44)  
No. 53.

Sir,

Under cover of my despatch No. 37 of the 18th January, I had the honour to transmit to you a copy of a letter sent by me to the Yugoslav Prime Minister with regard to the question of relief for Jewish refugees in the South Kapaonik area.

..... I now enclose a copy of Monsieur Purić's reply, from which you will see that the Yugoslav Government do not propose to assist in this matter. I suggest, therefore, that no further steps should be taken.

I am sending a copy of the correspondence to S.O.E. here.

I have the honour to be, with the highest respect,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

*Ralph Skirving Stevenson*

The Right Honourable  
Anthony Eden, M.C., M.P.,  
etc.etc.etc.

COPY

ROYAL YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT,  
CAIRO, January 24th 1944.

My dear Ambassador,

In reply to your letter of January 18th (marked No.34) I wish to inform you that the Royal Yugoslav Government had no previous information about the presence of a group of Jewish refugees in the area South of Kapaonik and for that reason are inclined to suppose that the group is mainly composed of Jews of Austrian or Czech origin.

The only possible way of providing them with financial help is through General Mihailović, who, being himself short of funds, would have to be supplied first.

No doubt, the Jewish Charity Organisations could be invited to use funds they dispose of for this relief work. However, all these supplies would have to be delivered through the channels of the Yugoslav Army in Yugoslavia who would probably be at a loss to understand why funds are being sent to international refugees, while almost nothing is done to help our army and our people.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) B. POURITCH

His Excellency  
Ralph C. Skrine Stevenson, Esq., C.M.G.

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FROM Mr. Camps  
(Ministry of Economic Warfare) to Mr. Randall

Dated M. 403/160/Z.  
8th Feb: 1944.  
Received in Registry 12th Feb: 1944.

W: Refugees.

## Remittance of funds for relief of refugees on Island of Rab

Refers to Treasury letter to the Foreign Office of the 31st January (W 1535/109/G).

Has now been informed that the refugees are Poles with possibly some Hungarians and not, as has been assumed, Yugoslavs. There is therefore no objection to remittances for the Poles within previously specified limits.

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Telephone : GROSVENOR 4060.

In any further communication on this subject, please quote

3. M. 403/169/2

and address,

not to any person by name,

but to—

The Director-General,  
Ministry of Economic Warfare,  
Berkeley Square House,  
Berkeley Square, W.1.

MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC WARFARE.  
Berkeley Square House,  
Berkeley Square  
W.1.

Your Reference

12 FEB 1944

8th February, 1944

Dear Randall,

I refer to Mynors' letter to you of the 31st January concerning the remittance of funds for the relief of refugees on the Island of Rab.

I have now been informed that the refugees are Poles with possibly some Hungarians, and not, as we assumed, Yugoslavs. This alters the case considerably. Remittances to these people would not transgress the policy of refusing remittances costing foreign exchange to Allied Nationals resident in the country of their own nationality, but, as far as the Poles are concerned, would fall within the policy by which relief funds may be provided up to a certain limited amount per head for Allied Nationals resident in countries other than their own, and there is therefore no objection to remittances for the Poles within these limits.

I see from the draft letter to Sir Herbert Emerson, submitted to us in December, that the estimated requirement is for 3 million lira, say about £7,500. On the basis of there being 1,500 people to be helped, this sum would appear to be within the limits which could be permitted.

The nationality of these people makes it the more urgent to provide assistance for their rescue as soon as possible.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mynors and Gregory.

Yours sincerely,

A.W.G. Randall Esq.,  
Refugee Dept.,  
Foreign Office,  
3, Cleveland Row,  
S.W.1.

K. h. Crump.

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Captain Webb  
to Mr. Henderson  
Dated: 10 Feb 47

Received: 12 FEB 1944

Refugees on The Island of Rabi.

Replies to F.O. letter of 4/2 (W 1535/5)  
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M.E.W. (Mr. Crump)

The Resolution to Enemy Territory  
Committee, at their meeting on Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>,  
attended by representatives of T.Y., T.W.E.D.  
and M.E.W., approved in principle of  
money being sent to the island of Rabi  
for general relief.  
The next step appears to be to  
inform to Sir H. Emerson that we would  
like money to be provided by general  
organisation and the next step after that  
to arrange with T.Y. for action sums  
or collected to be converted into a  
currency acceptable to the local inhabitants.

Jan. L. Henderson

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Captain Webb's office tell me that Lin-  
is the currency required and Mr Tansley  
(W.O. (F.S.)) that the Deputy Paymaster is S.  
They are more than sufficient Lin at  
his disposal for the purpose of helping  
them refugees.

Dft. to Sir H. Enniss accordingly.

Ian L. Henderson

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See within Minutes of 64th  
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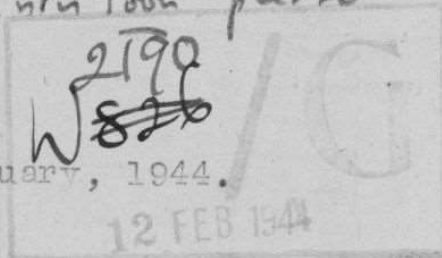
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10th February, 1944.



I.L.Henderson, Esq.,  
Foreign Office (Refugee's Dept.),  
3, Cleveland Row,  
St.James's,  
S.W.1.

Dear Henderson,

The answer to the question in your W 1535/109/G of the 4th February is, I think, Yes. As far as we know no money for this purpose has yet been transferred, but monies donated by charity or allocated from other sources, which will be sterling or dollars, will certainly not be current in Yugoslavia, and will therefore have to be exchanged for currency acceptable to the local inhabitants.

I take this opportunity of making it clear that from a financial point of view the question of relief for these refugees is of purely academic interest to us: it is entirely a matter for the Foreign Office, the Ministry of Economic Warfare and the Treasury. If the principle is conceded and the money is provided and converted into suitable currency, we shall be pleased to convey it to wherever it may be able to bring relief.

Yours sincerely,

Anthony Webb.

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Draft.

Sir Herbert Emerson  
Intergovernmental  
Committee.

(from Mr. Randall)

Copy to:

Mr. R.A.B. Mynors,  
Treasury.

(concerned)

Mrs. Crump, M.E.W.

(Mr. B.C. concerned)

Mr. Henriques,

T.W.E.D. (concerned)

~~for circulation~~  
Captain W.E.E.

c/o Room 15, F.O.

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FOREIGN OFFICE (Refugee Department),  
3, Cleveland Row,

St. James's, S.W.1.

February, 1944.

Dear Emerson,

I am sorry that I have not been able to reply earlier to your letter IC/180/62 HWE/DLD of the 19th January about refugees on the island of Rab.

As I explained to you on the telephone the other day we can arrange transport of the money and there is therefore no need to telegraph to the Resident Minister. The authorities concerned have approved in principle of the transfer of the money, it now transpires that lire is the currency required and that the Deputy Paymaster in Southern Italy can supply it. Perhaps you would therefore now be good enough to approach <sup>in strict confidence</sup> such Jewish organisations in London as you may think suitable for subscriptions to help Jewish refugees in the island of Rab in accordance with the suggestion originally made by Jews on the spot. Would you explain at the same time that the means authorised in this instance are I was/ exceptional?

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I was interested in your information that the American authorities were already sending money to relieve these people and should be very glad to know what currency they are using and anything they may be able to disclose about the means of conveyance.

The amount required, including whatever the Americans may send, would appear to be £7,500.

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Yours sincerely

(S) A.W.G. Randall

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Sir Herbert Emerson, G.C.E., K.C.S.I.

(-51) (A.W.G. Randall)

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REMITTANCES TO ENEMY TERRITORY COMMITTEES

Minutes of the 64th Meeting of the Committee held on the 11th February, 1944.

Present:

Mr. H.S. Gregory (Chairman),	Trading with the Enemy Dept.
Mr. R.A.B. Mynors,	Treasury.
Mr. J.E. Abbott,	Treasury.
Mr. G.C. Whitteridge,	Foreign Office.
Mr. I.L. Henderson,	Foreign Office (Refugees Dept.)
Mr. P.G.F. Dalton,	Foreign Office (Consular Dept.)
Lt. Col. S.J. Cole,	Colonial Office.
Mrs. K.M. Crump,	Ministry of Economic Warfare.
Mr. P.J. Mantle,	Trading with the Enemy Dept.
Mr. E.F.Q. Henriques,	Trading with the Enemy Dept.
Mr. V.K. Bloomfield,	Bank of England.
Mr. H.W. Reynolds (Secretary),	Trading with the Enemy Dept.

1. The Committee considered the minutes of the 63rd meeting.

A. Arising out of paragraph 1B - An Indian's daughter in Germany (Miss Nadir). Mr. Mynors reported that the matter was still outstanding.

B. Arising out of paragraph 2 - Hongkong.

Col. Cole reported that the necessary steps for the despatch of the increased monthly payments were in hand.

2. Rome - Assistance for Jewish Refugees.

Mr. Henderson stated that a telegram (document 355) had been despatched authorising H.M. Minister, the Holy See, to expend, as an exceptional measure, 20,000 dollars-worth of lire on charitable relief work for Jews in Rome. He added that remittance across the exchanges was being avoided by the establishment of credits in the sterling area.

3. Yugoslavia - Relief of Jewish Refugees in the Island of Rab. (Document 356).

Mr. Henriques stated that a proposal to send money for relief purposes had been discussed on the assumption that these refugees had Yugoslavian nationality. Mrs. Crump said that it was now clear that most of them were Polish, with some Hungarians. Mr. Henderson stated that no difficulty was anticipated as regards conveyance of money for the purpose.

The Chairman stated that it now appeared that the proposal was consistent with regular practice, and the Committee agreed in principle to the remittance.

4. Persons escaping from enemy territory (Document 357).

The Committee discussed two cases with a common feature in that they concerned remittances to or relief of persons who left enemy territory and arrived in neutral territory which was in close proximity thereto.

A. Hongkong - Macao. Mr. Dalton stated that the British Consul in Macao was expecting the arrival there (it was understood that some had already arrived) of large numbers of persons of Portuguese and Portuguese-British nationality from Hongkong, where many of them had hitherto been compelled by the Japanese to remain and work. On the intervention of the Governor General of Macao, the Japanese authorities were now releasing them in

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batches. His Department were not concerned with the Portuguese nationals (though the Colonial Office might be, if they had been in the employment of that Department while in Hongkong) beyond being prepared to pass on requests for assistance to any British firms who had employed them. As regards the evacuees who through birth or otherwise were British subjects but were of Portuguese origin, and hence were in the country of their second nationality on arrival in Macao, the British Consul would presumably himself approach the Portuguese authorities on the question of their relief. If, however, those authorities declined responsibility the Foreign Office was of opinion that the provisions of relief from British funds was unavoidable. Remittances were liable to exchange control here and reimbursement would be obtained from employing firms. In either case, he felt that the matter of disbursement was ultimately one for the discretion of the British Consul on the spot who alone was in a position to ascertain the facts.

Mr. Mynors said that there was evidence that the Japanese had designs to use Macao for the purpose of transferring funds to Lisbon. He disliked the prospect of providing for the relief of large numbers of persons of dual nationality, and thought there was some danger of onward remittance into enemy territory. He was however impressed by the fact that it was only now that these persons were able to leave Hongkong.

The Chairman suggested that little control could be exercised at this end, and that the matter must be left to the discretion of the British Consul. Mr. Mynors and Col. Cole concurred, and the Committee agreed.

B. Italy - Switzerland. The Committee considered the case of Ugo Weiss, a Jew of Italian nationality, who had escaped with his family from Italy in September, 1943, and was interned in Switzerland. Weiss desired support payments to be remitted from his funds in the United Kingdom, which had been paid to the Custodian of Enemy Property and amounted to over £4,000.

Mr. Henriques said that his Department had released funds from the Custodian's control in the case of large numbers of genuine refugees from Germany and Czechoslovakia. Persons of the refugee class in Italy had not, however, been subject to the same pressure to leave that country as those in the aforementioned territories, and the question arose whether there should be any difference in the policy applicable to them. He added that Weiss's case was not an isolated one.

The Chairman thought that the present practice must continue as regards genuine refugees, but that the presumption of genuineness in the case of persons who had continued to live for some time in apparent loyalty to the regime of the country of their nationality, might be doubtful. He was, moreover, strongly opposed in principle to the release of the funds of individuals of Italian nationality from the control of the Custodian.

Mr. Henderson thought his Department had no special concern in the matter. Mr. Henriques said that if third-party funds were to be used for a remittance of this nature

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the trading with the enemy interest was slight. Mrs. Crump thought that the matter should be considered as part of the wider question of Italians outside Italy.

The Chairman suggested that a final decision on the case might be deferred for the present, but that in the meantime no Custodian monies should be released.

The Committee agreed.

5. The Philippines - Relief of British Internees from U.S. Government funds (Document 358).

The Committee noted the comparatively large proportion of British subjects among the civilian internees, and the arrangements whereby the total relief was debited by the Swiss Minister in Tokyo to U.S. Official funds, and that H.M. Government would be prepared to refund their proportion in due course. It was agreed that no action was called for at the moment.

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Mr. Stevenson  
Cairo

No. 63 (9/127/44)

Dated: 10 Feb 44

Received: 17 FEB 1944

Relief for Jewish Refugees from  
Yugoslavia

Refers to his despatch 53 (W2030/8)  
+ reports a further request from The British  
liaison officer in the South Kapaonik area

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BRITISH EMBASSY TO YUGOSLAVIA  
CAIRO.

10th February, 1944.

No. 63  
(9/127/44)

Sir,

W2030/9

With my despatch No. 53 of the 28th January I had the honour to transmit to you a copy of a letter from the Yugoslav Prime Minister informing me that the Yugoslav Government did not propose to assist in the matter of relief for Jewish refugees in the South Kapaonik area.

2. A further telegram has now been received from the British Liaison Officer in this area repeating his request for financial help for the Jews. He points out that there is great anti-Jewish feeling on the part of the Chetniks, and three Jews have been thrashed. He says that the British are now called Jews and Communists behind the backs of his mission.

3. I fear that the nature of this further appeal is not such as to make it possible to approach Monsieur Purić again with any prospect of success. I fully realise that the sending of any relief funds in accordance with the present proposal would run counter to the principle quoted in paragraph 3 of your telegram No. 21 of the 7th January. I nevertheless communicate this further appeal to you in case you may, in the light of its terms, consider it advisable to refer the matter to Jewish organisations in London likely to be interested.

I have the honour to be, with the highest respect,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

Ralph Skrine Stevenson

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Mr. Wynors (Ty.)

to Mr. Randall

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Dated: 18 Feb.

Received: 23 FEB 1944

Refugees on The Island of Rab.

Replies to F.O. letter of 15/2 (W1535/e) on The  
question of The transfer of money for  
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We can now therefore  
inform Sir H. Emerson that  
he may tell Mr. Bucknell  
that we have no objection to  
sending money to the island of  
Rab & that we can arrange to

As regards the general principle  
involved in remitting money to  
areas inside the blockade, Mr.  
Wynors holds that this should  
be taken up by us as a U.S.D.  
through the Embassy. This may  
become necessary as the activities of  
the new Refugee Board may involve  
(a risk of their getting the chance) breaking  
the blockade. Further

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Yes: we can now tell Sir H.

Ensure that we can transfer the money to Rab. The transfer issue will need to be taken to a higher level in Washington, but we might first want to see what change the MEW got out of the U.S. over the sending of money for fuel -  
Gungah etc.

AK,  
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TREASURY CHAMBERS,  
GREAT GEORGE STREET,  
LONDON S.W.1.  
*W 2769*  
18th February, 1944.

22 FEB 1944

Dear Randall,

Many thanks for your letter of the 15th February about the refugees on the Island of Rab.

As regards this particular case, I understand from Henderson that ordinary Italian lira currency is acceptable on the Island, that the War Office are prepared to supply this, and our friends can transport it. This means that the operation will not benefit the enemy, and is outside the considerations of blockade policy which prompted my letter of the 31st January.

On the general question may I say this? We quite realise the effect of the political pressure in the U.S.A., to which you refer, in making these questions difficult for you to handle. And if we can help to solve them by consulting the U.S. Treasury, of course we will do so, though the normal channel of consultation on these things is the Ministry of Economic Warfare. But as you still say that this proposal was in danger of foundering on objections which are "purely financial," as though consultation between the Treasuries were the way to remove them, may I ask you for a moment's thought in spite of your anxiety?

Gold and foreign exchange are a munition of war, just as much as machine guns. Entirely apart from the "defence of exchange" (whether or no we can find the gold, Swiss francs or whatever it may be), the question is: Do we value the well-being of refugees, or fear pressure from the Americans, sufficiently to be ready to hand over exchange to the enemy in order to help the oppressed? I do not pretend to answer this question.

/But

A.W.G. Randall, Esq., O.B.E.,  
Foreign Office.

TREASURY CHAMBERS

GREAT GEORGE STREET,

LONDON S.W.1.

18th February, 1944.



Your Reference W555/103/6

Treasury Reference E260/05

Dear Randall,

But it is no more a purely financial question, to be settled by consultation between the two Treasuries, than a proposal to hand over machine guns to the enemy in order to secure some benefit of a different kind, could be dealt with departmentally between the War Office and the U.S. War Department.

What this points to, perhaps, is an approach to Washington (U.S. Treasury? State Department? White House?) by you and the M.E.W. in the first instance, in order to get clear how far under political pressure the Americans propose to abandon or modify the principles of financial blockade upon which both countries have acted hitherto.

I am copying this to the recipients of your letter.

Yours sincerely,

*RAB Myrons*

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Foreign Office.

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*Draft.*

Sir Herbert Emerson  
Intergovernmental  
Committee,  
11D, Regent Street,  
S.W.1.

(from Mr. Randall)

Copy to:

Mr. Mynors,  
Treasury.

Captain Webb,  
c/o Mr. Loxley,  
F.O.

Mr. Henriques,  
T.W.E.D.

Mrs. Crump,  
M.E.W.

*Mr. Bucknell.*  
*U.S. Embassy*

FOREIGN OFFICE (Refugee Department),

3, Cleveland Row,

St. James's, S.W.1.

*25*  
February, 1944.

*Confidential*

Dear Emerson,

With reference to your letter

IC/180/62 HWE/DLD of the 19th January and  
in confirmation of our telephone conversa-  
tion on the 22nd February, I write to inform  
you that our competent authorities have no  
objection to the despatch of funds to Rab

for the benefit of refugees known to be  
*and can assure the transfer of such*  
at present in the island, *from your money.*

*have sent a copy of this*  
*letter to*  
I take it that you will have informed  
Bucknell, of the United States Embassy, *to*  
~~this effect.~~

*AWR.*

*yours sincerely*

*(Sd) a.w.g. Randall*

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FOREIGN OFFICE (Refugee Department),  
3, Cleveland Row,  
St. James's, S.W.1.

25th February, 1944.

(W 2769/109/3)

Confidential.

Dear Emerson,

With reference to your letter IC/180/62 HWE/DLD of the 19th January and in confirmation of our telephone conversation on the 22nd February, I write to inform you that our competent authorities have no objection to the despatch of funds to Rab for the benefit of refugees known to be at present in the island, and can assure the transfer of such sums as may prove necessary.

I have sent a copy of this letter to Bucknell, of the United States Embassy.

(S) (A.W.G. Randall)

Sir Herbert Emerson, G.C.I.E., K.C.S.I.,  
Intergovernmental Committee,  
11D, Regent Street,  
S.W.1.

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16 MAR 1944

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REFUGEES

Registry Number } W 4088/131/48.

FROM Mr. Easterman.  
(World Jewish Congress)  
to Mr. D. Hall.

ALE/MB/61 - 186.

Dated 13th Mar. 1944.

Received in Registry } 16th Mar. 1944.

W: Refugees.

Removal of Jewish refugees from Island of Rab.

Has received cable from New York Office stating that the Island of Rab has been retaken by the Yugoslav guerillas and urging the removal to safer areas, as soon as possible, of the Jewish refugees left on this Island. Requests information as to the exact position and whether measures can be taken as suggested.

Last Paper.

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References.

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Del Mr Easterman  
from Mr D. Hall  
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The island of Rab was reached by Yugoslav Partisans some time ago and has now been accepted by the Germans. These refugees are not, therefore, in any immediate danger. Further, many are being sent to them to enable them to live under the Allied flag. The provision of shipping by M.W.T. will be primarily what Mr. Easterman wants, which is primarily what Mr. Easterman wants, would depend on the extent of the Allied military activities and it is unlikely that in present circumstances - i.e. the upsurge in the Adriatic - it would be given.

Q. Reply to Mr. Easterman in general and specific terms, as in the attached draft.

1st Lt. Henderson  
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A. Walker

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See. Wilh.  
Letter from Mr. Eastman (World Jewish Congress)  
to Mr. Hall of 27/3.

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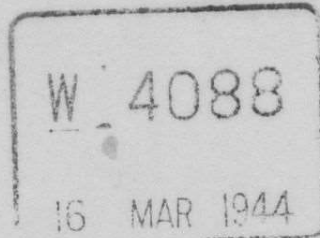
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WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS.  
EUROPEAN DIVISION.

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CONGRESS HOUSE,  
55, NEW CAVENDISH STREET,  
LONDON, W. 1.

TELEPHONE: WELBECK 1314.

AIE/MB/61-186.

Donald Hall, Esq.,  
Foreign Office,  
S.W. 1



13th March, 1944.

Dear Mr. Hall,

I have just received a cable from our New York Office stating that the Island of Rab has been retaken by the Yugoslav guerrillas and urging the removal to safer areas, as soon as possible, of the Jewish refugees left on this Island.

I should be greatly obliged if you would inform me of the exact position and if measures can be taken as suggested. You will certainly appreciate that urgency is essential for the safety of these people.

Yours sincerely,

*A. L. Easternman*

A. L. Easternman.  
Political Secretary.

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No. W 4088/131/48

I.L.H.

Draft.

Mr. Easterman,  
World Jewish  
Congress.

(from Mr. Donald  
Hall)

*for your strictly  
confidential information.*

Mr. D. Hall (first)

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21/3*

*AKR.*

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

March, 1944.

*Confidential.*

Dear Mr. Easterman,

Thank you very much for your letter  
ALE/MB/16-186 of 13th March about the  
Jewish refugees in the island of Rab.

I understand that this island was  
liberated by Yugoslav Partisans *about four*  
*months* ago and has never been recaptured by the  
Germans. These people are not therefore  
in any immediate danger. Further,  
arrangements are being made for them to  
be furnished with the means to hire small  
vessels so that if they wish they can  
reach liberated Italy. These are  
~~probably~~ the most practical measures that  
can be taken *under present conditions*  
~~at the moment~~ for their  
security.

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FOREIGN OFFICE,  
S.W.1.

23rd March, 1944.

CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Mr. Easterman,

Thank you very much for your letter  
ALE/MB/16-186 of the 13th March about the  
Jewish refugees in the island of Rab.

I understand that this island was  
liberated by Yugoslav Partisans about four  
months ago and has never been recaptured by  
the Germans. These people are not, therefore,  
in any immediate danger. Further, for your  
strictly confidential information, arrangements  
are being made for them to be furnished with  
the means to hire small vessels so that, if they  
wish, they can reach liberated Italy. These  
are the most practical measures that can be  
taken under present conditions for their security.

Yours sincerely,

(sgd) DONALD HALL.

A.L. Easterman, Esq.



WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS.  
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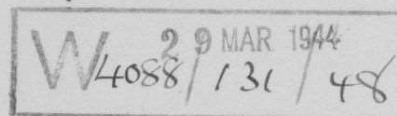
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ALE/MF/61/186.

Your reference:  
W.4088/131/48.

March 27th, 1944.

Donald Hall, Esq.,  
Foreign Office,  
Whitehall, S.W. 1.



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*p 100*  
*28/3*

Dear Mr. Hall,

Your letter of March 23rd with reference to the Jewish refugees in the Island of Rab has given my colleagues and myself the greatest satisfaction, and I would like to thank you most cordially for giving me this good news so promptly.

Yours sincerely,

*A. L. Easterman*  
A. L. Easterman,  
Political Secretary.

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~~WESTERN.~~

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22 MAR 1944

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War Cabinet

Dated: 15 March

Received: 22 MAR 1944

Yugoslav Refugees on the Island  
of Rab.

Trs. tel. Fan. 347 of 15/3 from Agwon  
to Etouza referring to 3/28 of 20/11, r  
W-6491 + W-699 of Nov + Dec. '43 regarding  
funds for refugees.

Last Paper.

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References.

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Tel. 563 to Legation  
24/3 Algiers

Copied to: Myones  
Capt. Webb  
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Su W 4088/131/48.

Para 1. This would seem to be a more  
sensible plan than the previous one in which  
we have been working with to make to be  
and finally, viz: the transfer of time.

It could be large the U.S.  
military authorities, granted in by the  
War Refugee Board, may be in a fair  
way to solving the problem of removing  
refugees in the island of Rab. It is to be  
noted, however, that the U.S. military authorities say  
nothing about assuming responsibility for  
any refugees that may arrive in Italy  
from Rab.

Q. This last point should be  
conveyed to Bernini, Algiers and E. views  
asked for in the question of removing  
these refugees from Rab (which has not  
been/

been under German domination for  
about 4 months) to Italy and  
who will care for them on arrival,  
- what arrangements can be made for  
their accommodation.

Dft. h.c. is omitted.

1. L. H. H. H. H.

20/3.

Abraham

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It is essential that  
U.S. sh. if they expedite the  
removal of these refugees. take full  
responsibility for their maintenance &  
destination. The food shortage in Italy  
precludes. I should say, any great addition  
to the population there.

A.S.R.

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23 MAR 1944

TOP SECRET

U.S. 1571.

Incoming Message  
Etousa.Ref. No: R799/294/2241.  
FAN 347

From: AGWAR.

Dated: 151703Z.

Rec'd: 152047Z.

To: S.H.A.E.F.  
ETOUSA.  
ALGIERS.

FAN 347.

15th March, 1944.

"EDITED LITERAL TEXT"Interior Addresses: To : Wilson.  
From : Combined Chiefs of  
Staff.

Subject: Yugoslav Refugees on the Island of Rab.

Refer cable number 3128 of 20 November to  
Eisenhower and replies from FHMGS, numbered W-6491  
of 30 November and W-699 of 6 December, both 1943. /no trace

1. As a result of further consideration of this question it has been suggested that Theater Commander ask Yugoslav Partisans to furnish local currency to refugees, enabling latter to arrange their escape to Italy such expenditures to be reimbursed in US dollars or such funds as the Partisans request.
2. If Partisans cannot furnish funds, ask them to aid refugees escape by guaranteeing to boat owners and other persons assisting refugees to escape that they will be compensated by American Military Authorities on refugees arrival in Italy.
3. Ask Partisans to keep American Military Authorities advised of their operations in this field. It is expected that Theater Commander would arrange necessary payments to those bringing refugees to Italy and would arrange payments for "certain other

/financial

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financial transactions" and it is deemed essential that Theater Commander continue caring for refugees reaching Italy through their own efforts. Presidents New American War Refugee Board would assume full financial responsibility for expenses of evacuating refugees from Rab. Prompt execution of suggested plan is urged if deemed feasible. Due to change in Theater Command and passage of time since previous expression of opinion, request your views regarding this matter and answer earliest.

Circulation:

Brig. Jacob.  
Foreign Secretary.  
First Sea Lord.  
C.6 Tels, War Office.  
A.M.C.S. (C).  
Finance Division,  
Treasury.

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Resmin.,  
Algiers.

Telegram.

No...563...

Dated ..March 24...

Cypher.

Departmental No. 1.

Copy to:

Treasury  
(Mr. Mynors).

Captain Webb,  
c/o Room 17, F.O.

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

March, 1944.

Despatched 4-20 A M. 25/3

FAN 347 of March 15th from AGWAR to  
S.H.A.E.F., Etoussa, Algiers [refugees on  
the island of Rab7.

United States Military Authorities  
say nothing about authority which is to  
assume responsibility for any refugees  
who may arrive in Italy from the island of  
Rab.

2. This island appears to have been  
free from German domination for about  
four months and I should be glad of your  
views about removal of these refugees.  
Who will care for them on arrival, and  
what arrangements can be made for their  
accommodation? I.S. through the  
displaced Persons Sub-  
Commission? It seems  
urgently necessary that U.S.  
authorities, if they facilitate the  
removal of refugees from Yugoslav  
territory, should undertake continuing  
responsibility, both in finance  
and supplies, for their maintenance,



and should also fully co-operate  
in affording temporary reception  
area, which would presumably  
have to be found outside  
Italy. If in Egypt the  
problem is related to  
the discussions now proceeding  
in Cairo between MERRA  
and UNRRA.

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DEPARTMENTAL NO. 1.

FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO ALGIERS (RESIDENT MINISTER)

No. 563

D. 4.20 a.m. 25th March 1944

24th March 1944

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FAN 347 of March 15th from AGWAR to S.H.A.E.F., Etousa, Algiers [refugees on the island of Rab].

United States Military Authorities say nothing about authority which is to assume responsibility for any refugees who may arrive in Italy from the island of Rab.

2. This island appears to have been free from German domination for about four months and I should be glad of your views about removal of these refugees. Who will care for them on arrival, and what arrangements can be made for their accommodation - e.g., through the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission? It seems urgently necessary that United States authorities, if they facilitate the removal of refugees from Yugoslav territory, should undertake continuing responsibility, both in finance and supplies, for their maintenance, and should also fully co-operate in affording temporary reception area, which would presumably have to be found outside Italy. If in Egypt the problem could be related to the discussions now proceeding in Cairo between MERRA and UNRRA.

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W 4434 to Yugoslavia

No. 98 (69/18/44)

Dated: 10 March

Received 22 MAR 1944

Yugoslav Refugees

Refers to his despatch 97 of 10/3  
+ trs. copies of telegram sent by Special  
Operations Executive to Brig. Hadeau  
regarding situation in partisan  
refugee camp at El Shatt.

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References.

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BRITISH EMBASSY TO YUGOSLAVIA  
CAIRO. MAR 1944

No. 98  
(69/18/44)

10th March, 1944.

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(ref)

Sir,

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With reference to the final paragraph of my despatch No. 97 of the 10th March, I have the honour to enclose copies of the telegram which has been sent by Special Operations Executive to Brigadier Maclean with regard to the situation in the Partisan refugee camp at El Shatt.

I have the honour to be, with the highest respect,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

Philip Brown

The Right Honourable  
Anthony Eden, M.C., M.P.,  
etc., etc., etc.

COPY

T E L E G R A M.

From: Force 133  
To: Brigadier Maclean

Dated: 7th March, 1944.

Position in refugee camp at El Shatt referred to-day to Special Operations Committee, who wish you to discuss with Tito following points: -

(1) Partisans have brought over by force and are holding in the camp certain number of persons who are non-Partisan or even pro-Royalist in sympathy and some of whom have intimated to camp authorities that they wish to join government forces. This position is admitted by Partisan representatives themselves. In some case families of these persons are being held hostage by the Partisans in Dalmatia and Islands. Conduct of Partisan Committee in dealing with situation has created bad impression here.

Machinery now being set up (a) to segregate non-Partisan group by means of mixed British and Partisan Commission to other quarters; (b) to segregate such persons in Italy in future before sending forward to refugee camp.

(2) There are a number of men and boys of military age and fit for service who have been evacuated along with refugees - it will be necessary to examine these people medically and draft back to Partisan Training Camps in Italy those who should be liable for service. Authorities here are convinced that Tito is unaware of this situation, which is calculated to substantiate accusation of totalitarianism etc. against his régime and may affect his credit here most adversely. Feel you should point out the above facts which have been verified and suggest that he instructs his representatives in Italy to avoid a similar situation arising in future.

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M. Machillan  
Algiers

Telegram No. 481

Dated: 29 Mar

Received: 1 APR 1948

Refugees from Island of Rab.

Refers to F.O. tel. 563 (W 4433/109/9)  
and to N.A.F. 656. Americans have  
assumed financial responsibility  
for arranging escape from Rab to Italy.

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together with c/o Room 17.  
April 10

(Minutes.)

Copy to (Mr. Myrons)

(Captain Wells, c/o Room 17, F.O.)

W.C.O. (D. France Registry) an ind. copy of  
N.A.F. 656  
Good.

Jan. L. Henderson

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[CYPHER]

DEPARTMENTAL NO.1.

FROM ALGIERS (RESIDENT MINISTER) TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Macmillan  
No. 481

D.7.30 p.m. 30th March, 1944.

29th March, 1944.

R.5.5 a.m. 31st March, 1944.

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Your telegram No. 565. W 44 32/109/6

NORTH AFRICA FORCE

You will since have seen N.A.F. 656. ?

Americans have assumed financial responsibility for arranging escape from Rab to Italy. On arrival on Italian mainland refugees will be accommodated and cared for by Displaced Persons Sub-Commission. Their maintenance in Italy will thus be financed by A.M.F.A. lira which are I understand chargeable to the Italian Government.

3. No plans have been made beyond the arrangements for initial reception of refugees from Rab. This question can safely be left until we know more certainly the number involved and the categories of the refugees. Present information which is very vague in that there are between 1,500 and 4,000 refugees in the island the majority of whom are Jews.

4. My own view is that very few refugees will manage to reach liberated Italy from Rab in the present circumstances.

[Copies sent to Mr. Wiltshire].

O.T.P.

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13 APR 1944

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~~W 5658/109/9~~Mr. Masius  
Algiers

Telegram No. 116

Dated: 4 April

Received 13 APR 1944

Proposed Evacuation of Refugees  
from Island of Rade.Refers to his telegram No. 48/(W 5020)  
states that competent Allied authorities  
at Bari do not consider that financial  
considerations have any bearing on  
the evacuation of refugees. Marshal  
Tito is being consulted.

Last Paper.

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References.

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Copy to (Mr. Myerson)

[ Captain Webb, % Room 17, F.O.

Q. Inform I. G. C. (Dr. Kullmann).

Dft. subm: Hcl.

Jan. L. Henderson

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Copied Mr. Myerson (Ty.)  
Capt. Webb.

l. April 14

Dft. Dr. Kullmann  
from H. RandallCopied Mr. Myerson  
Capt. Webb (Ty.)  
21/4

Southern Dift

ought we not put AD  
just to check up from 13/4  
m. i. 366 w.o. (Major Hodykinson) then  
then - no harm in going - the  
information?

MR 15/4

Hodykinson says O.K.

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(a.a.)Hodykinson  
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[EN CLAIR]

DEPARTMENTAL NO.1.

13 APR 1944

FROM ALGIERS (RESIDENT MINISTER'S OFFICE) TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

Mr. Makins  
No. 116 SAVING  
4th April 1944

D. 4th April 1944.  
R. 5.25 p.m. 12th April 1944.

QQQQQQ

W 5030/e

My telegram No. 431 [of March 29th: proposed evacuation of refugees from Rab].

Competent Allied authorities at Bari do not consider that financial considerations have any bearing on the evacuation of refugees which is governed rather by political considerations, shipping opportunities and the availability of accommodation and rations. Marshal Tito is however being consulted in accordance with the instructions in FAN 347.

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2. According to the latest reports Rab has now been reoccupied by the Germans.

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APR 1944  
F. O. REGISTRY

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I.L.H.

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Dr. Kullmann,  
Intergovernmental  
Committee.

(From Mr. Randall)

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*mkiv*  
Southern Department

Copy:

Mr. Mynors,  
Treasury.  
Captain Webb,  
c/o Room 17,  
Foreign Office.

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

*X 2*  
20th April, 1944.

[Dear Kullman]

With reference to previous correspondence with Emerson about the Island of Rab, it may interest you to know that, according to latest reports reaching Algiers, the island has now been re-occupied by the Germans.

*SD*  
*13/4*

Yours sincerely

(sd) a. w. g. Randall

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Randall <sup>20</sup> is

FOREIGN OFFICE,  
S.W.1.

(W 5658/109/G)

20th April, 1944.

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With reference to previous correspondence with Emerson about the Island of Rab, it may interest you to know that, according to latest reports reaching Algiers, the island has now been re-occupied by the Germans.

Yours sincerely

(sd) a.w.g. Randall

Dr. G. Kullmann,  
11D Regent Street,  
S.W.1.

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